BOOK 2

CRACK FOOTBALLERS OF THE LAST GREAT VICTORIAN PLAYERS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

NOTES BY C. Sampey

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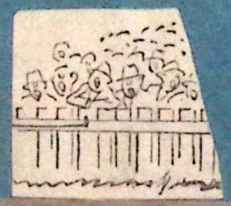


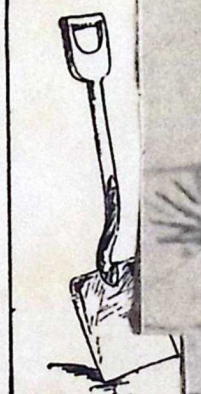
★ Flat Out For The Ball ★

CAME HOME TO MOTHER EARTH. Dowling (Brunswick) takes a dump in the match against Brighton on Saturday. Others in the picture are Fitcher (Brighton), McInnes (Brunswick), and Miller (Brighton).

(Above): Mr. I. Hudson sends down a fast bowl at the inter-state railways meet at Waverley (Sydney). (Right): Ron Hillis (Sth. Mel.), and Ron Todd (Collingwood), in action during a League match at Melbourne.

CURYER (St. Kilda) shepherds Stanfield (Footscray) out of the goal-mouth when St. Kilda tries to score.

MARK TO BRIGHTON despite the opposition of three Brunswick players, in Saturday's Association grand final. Maskell (right) is stumbling over Turner, while McGrath (left) is watching the lone Brighton man taking the ball easily.



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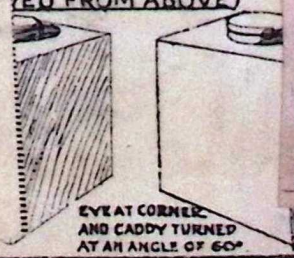


EYE AT CORNER AND CADDY TURNED AT AN ANGLE OF 60°

SIDE VIEW.

"FORMATION FLYING"

Spectacular high marks featured the early stages of the Collingwood-St. Kilda game on Saturday. All three of the group on the left got a hand to the ball. Right: Todd and Robertson, near St. Kilda's goal, struggle in the air while Pannam awaits the result.

Players went high for the ball in the Collingwood-St. Kilda match on Saturday. They are Robertson (St. K.), Todd (C.) and Curyer (St. K.). Lloyd (St. K.) and Pannam (C.) are flanking the pack.

PARK (Carlton) off his balance after misjudging the flight of the ball in the match against South Melbourne on Saturday. The other player is Bryce (South Melbourne).

JACK GRANT

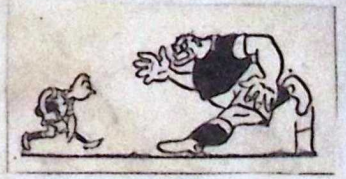
ACTION ON COLLINGWOOD'S BACK LINE in the League game at Princes Oval. Price (Carlton), punched the ball away from Regan (Collingwood), who

EX-BOXER-FOOTBALLER. PALMER

SPLENDID PHYSICAL TYPES : (Left to right) Phonse Kyne (Collingwood), Jack Dyer (Richmond), Jeff Weber (Brighton), and Rawley Fischer (Melbourne).

AMBROSE PULLS ONE DOWN

Ambrose Palmer, Australian heavyweight boxing champion, pulls down a good mark over Roly Fischer, Melbourne's follower. Palmer was largely instrumental in Footscray's win over the Demons. He is one of the keenest footballers the Australian game has known.



Below : The three Ryans, Leo, Jack, and Joe, Footscray stalwarts all, but not related.

Above : Sam Ramsay congratulates Joe Kelly, while their boys cheer. Left : Joe Kelly, successful coach.

POOL'S 200th

TED POOL, Hawthorn veteran, played his 200th League game when he took the field against Geelong. Pool has been with Hawthorn since 1926. He came from the Western Australian goldfields. Pool was one of Hawthorn's best against Geelong.

BRIGHTON DIGGINS, Carlton captain and coach.

In The Thick Of It

REIFFELL (MELBOURNE) HAS THE BALL, but is menaced by O'Neill (Richmond) and Bolger (Richmond), while Murnane, Glass, and Mueller, of Melbourne (on the left) are coming up to lend their team-mate support. An incident in the Australian Rules game in Melbourne on Saturday last.

JACK COLLINS (Geelong) chases the ball with L. Maynes (Essendon), while another Essendon player from the ground watches the outcome. On the right a Geelong player is coming up to take part in the chase.

HOW IT'S DONE: Regan, Collingwood full-back, marks over Marsham (Geelong) at Victoria Park (Melbourne) last week.

Perfect Harmony

Regan, the best full-back in the League, and Maurice Whelan their best utility player, last week but their reserves were able to successfully fill the vacancies. They will be stronger this week, though the two Colliers and Regan will not be in.

It is likely to be a match in which system will triumph once again. Footscray may be stronger in the rucks, but I don't think they will have anything on Collingwood elsewhere.

Experience and steadiness will count in Collingwood's favor. These factors went a long way towards beating Footscray last Monday. They could not combat Ron Cooper's "loose man" tactics, nor could they counter the bustling of the Carlton defence.

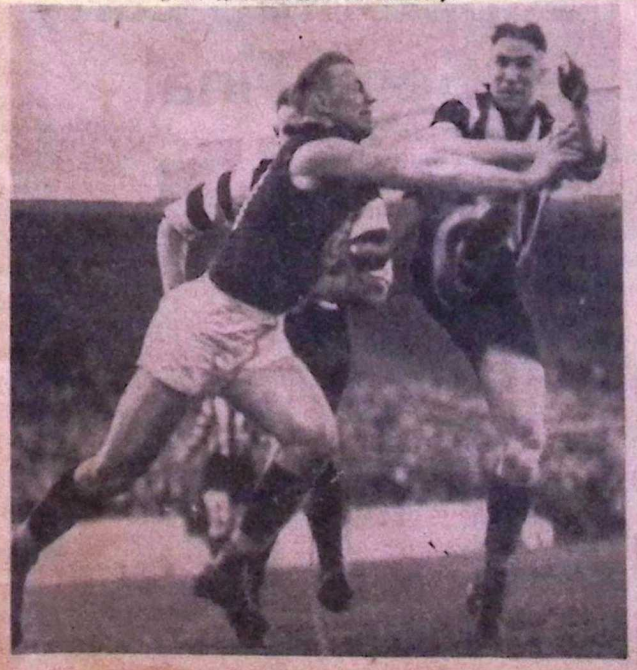
Footscray will be up against much the same sort of thing this week. If they can play steady, strong football they may win, but, make no error, Collingwood will be just as quick to take advantage of wild play as were

NOT A BALLET DANCE, but Todd (Collingwood) and Robertson (St. Kilda) kicking in unison at the ball in the big Australian Rules game in Melbourne on Saturday.

ALL IN FAIR PLAY, although it looks as though Francis (Carlton) and Thoms (Footscray) are trying to k.o. each other as they leap to punch the ball. Hickey (No. 1) of Footscray waits to see what happens. An incident from Saturday's match at Footscray.

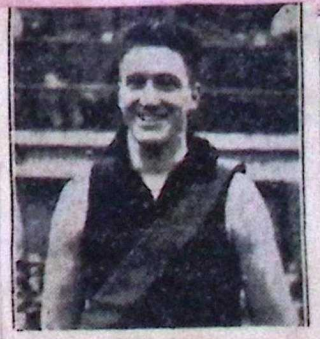
Eluded Them

Bentley (Richmond) and Torney (Essenden) get right up after an elusive ball in Saturday's game.



DESPITE A DESPERATE SPOILING EFFORT by Hale, Pannam gets a snap kick for goal in the Carlton-Collingwood match.

BILL EARLE

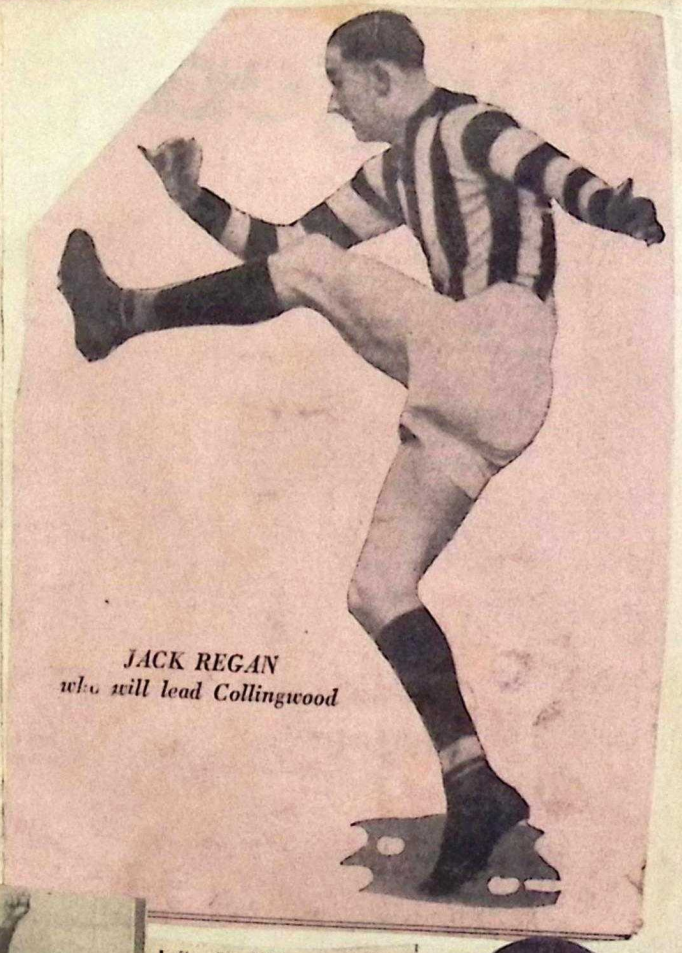


PERCY BENTLEY, captain of Richmond.

CARGIE GREEVES (Geelong), Brownlow Medal winner, who returned to the game to help Geelong win in 1931.

Fast Men

THREE MEN OF SPEED: (Left) Jack Austin (South Melbourne) a regular competitor at Stawell and other important pedestrian meetings. (Centre) Ron Spargo, of Footscray, one of the fleetest lads playing League Football in Melbourne. (Top right) Jack Regan (Collingwood) trains for football on the running track in summer.



JACK REGAN
who will lead Collingwood

Carlton, League premiers, had a thorough work-out on Saturday. The season opens on April 22. Here Kevin Fox is shown taking a mark that Jim Park (No. 26) has misjudged. The other two players are recruits.

Left: St. Kilda Australian Rules practice match. Bill Mu'r jumps for the ball.

Essendon's coach, Jack Baggott, who expects the rule to be repealed.

Up In The Air About It

G. JONES, of Melbourne, effectively spoils an attempt to mark by Curcio, Fitzroy's captain, at Fitzroy on Saturday.

Ron Todd (Collingwood) soars above A. Sampson (Footscray), while Fothergill (Collingwood) awaits the result. An incident from the big Australian Rules game in Melbourne on Saturday.

AN AERIAL DUEL in the Coburg-Brunswick Association match at Coburg on Saturday.

JACK DYER

W·A'S BIRD

The Daily News, Thursday, June 22, 1939

FOOTBALL PIRATES AT WORK

Within 24 hours of the arrival of the Victorian football team in Perth, both West Australian and Victorian "pirates" were hard at work.

A young W.A. centre-man has been made an attractive offer.

WINNER OF THE 1938 STAWELL GIFT— J. W. Grant was almost unbackable in the final.

Opening Vic. Season

Yarraville gains a hit-out in the first quarter against Williamstown.

DURING A GEELONG THRUST, C. R. Helmer goes for the mark in front of the Melbourne opposing back men, Lock and Furniss, and his team mate. Dougherty.

Bren O'Donnell, St Kilda's recruit, who played splendidly in his League debut against Collingwood on Saturday, takes a mark over Mohr and Regan (Collingwood)

THERE'S LITTLE DOUBT that Tommy Reynolds's kick went astray. Robertson (St. Kilda) has the Essendon forward round the waist.

STAR LEAGUE PLAYER WHEN ONLY 16

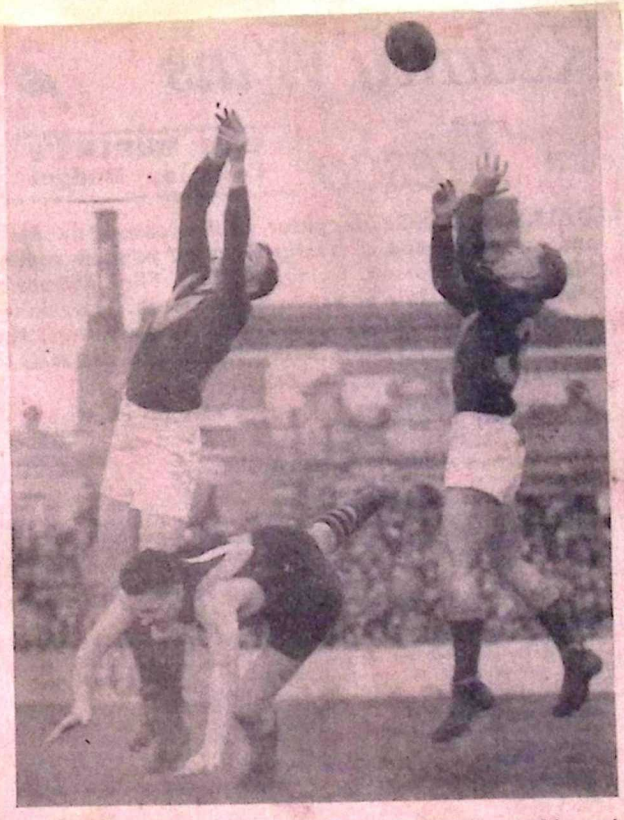
Played Twice a Day

By PAT O'NEILL

IT falls to the lot of few schoolboys to star in League football at the age of 16, and a year later to be selected to represent his State in a Carnival side.

Dr. Claude Bryan, of Tasmania, can look back to having achieved the feat — which is made more remarkable by the fact that his Saturday afternoon League games invariably followed a strenuous tussle as captain of his school side in matches played the same morning.

CLAUDE BRYAN



RICHMOND'S CAPTAIN, PERCY BENTLEY, crashes to the ground in a vain attempt to spoil two Hawthorn opponents — an incident in the League game at Richmond on Saturday.

Bert Collier (Collingwood), puts his weight behind a mighty kick in last Saturday's League Game at Melbourne.

JACK COLLINS, who has made a remarkable come-back for Geelong.

O'NEILL (RICHMOND) making a kick as Micky Crisp (Carlton) rushes in to spoil. — An incident in the League game at Carlton.

GROUNDWORK AT CARLTON, where Richmond met the home team.—From left are: Harris (Richmond), Gill (Carlton, 21), L. Smith (Richmond) and Chitty (Carlton).

Riding High to the Mark

COME HERE YOU—Lloyd (St. Kilda) steals the mark from Helmen (Geelong), while Robertson (St. Kilda) and Flett (St. Kilda) are all eyes. An incident in the St. Kilda-Geelong match on Saturday in Melbourne.

HIGH FLYING in the Melbourne-Essendon League game on Saturday. Jack Mueller (Melbourne) soars above Ted Rippon (Essen.) to take the ball. Essendon's rover, Dick Reynolds, waits for a possible miss.

UP FOR THE BALL: Picture show a Preston man giving the Camberwell player a lift up to reach the ball, which has passed high above their upstretched hands.

Wrout, Carlton's centre half-forward, will be in the team on Saturday.

£10,000 FOR FOOTBALL TOUR

Victorian And W.A. Club Teams Travel

(By H. O. BALFE)

THIS is the touring season for Victorian League footballers. Their movements supply evidence of the Australia-wide popularity of a great game.

On Tuesday (this week) St. Kilda's party, consisting of 54 players and members of the club, sailed in the s.s. Manunda for Perth (W.A.). They will play against a Western Australian 18 on July 13, at Subiaco; July 15, W.A., at Subiaco; on July 17, Goldfields League, at Boulder.

Funds to cover the cost of this trip, approximately £1200, were raised by voluntary effort, in which St. Kilda's president, Mr. W. McKechnie played a very prominent part.

On a holiday jaunt to Tasmania, 42 Essendon members sailed on Wednesday. They will enjoy Tasmanian hospitality—and how!—until Saturday, when they meet a Northern Tasmanian team at Launceston.

The following Saturday, July 16, Essendon and Fitzroy (10 members and supporters of which club sail for Launceston on Saturday evening) will play an exhibition game at Hobart.

All excursionists will be back in Melbourne in time to resume the League premiership programme on July 23.

While St. Kilda, Essendon, and Fitzroy are junketing in Western Australia and Tasmania, the first representative Western Australian 18 to visit Melbourne since July, 1929, will meet Victoria, at Melbourne, on Saturday next, July 16.

Melbourne will also be visited next week by a big party of players and supporters of the East Fremantle club, on its way to Sydney. Several League clubs will visit country centres in Victoria on July 16.

When the cost of all trips is totalled up, it will be found that not less than £10,000 is being spent by Victorian and Western Australian footballers on touring teams.

Jack Kelly (St. Kilda footballer), who is likely to cause a surprise.

JUNIOR FORM is not so good, but the players' hearts are in the right place.

Left : Fothergill, of Collingwood, a product of the juniors.

Below : An incident in a Saturday morning industrial League match, played under V.J.U. rules.

HONORS SEEMED EVEN when these players soared near the Geelong g at Carlton on Saturday. The players are (from left): Mahon (G.), Fox (C Sellwood (G.) and Baxter (C.).

Albert Collier (Collingwood's vice-captain) is a local boy who made good with the Magpies.

Above : Smallhorn, of Fitzroy.

Above: Reynolds, of Essendon.

BUNTON

player and medallist. Melbourne heard some go that there was a player in the Ringwood League who gave promise ming a wonderfully good ward. They sent their ut to look the prospect and secured Bob Pratt, ame champion forward of in 1933, 1934, and 1935. erce and R. Williams rn), R. Furness (Mel- Alec. Peal (St. Kilda), Dunn (South Melbourne), up to the V.F.L. Club Eastern Suburbs League. wood's predilection for ayers who have learnt as local juniors is, of vell enough known. As point, there is Phonse eir great centre half- and follower, who was from Old Paradians e was playing full-for- successor to Alan La

Todd, V.F.L.'s leading goalkicker for 1938, the Collier brothers, Harry and Albert, and "Mickey" Whelan, all can be mentioned in the same category. So could a dozen others.

Stan Spinks (Hawthorn), one of the best centre men in Victoria, first came under notice as champion of the Victorian State School team in the carnival of 1926. And, by the way, in referring to the value of junior football we

Medal, and Tom, who is collecting a big bag of goals this season. They first came into prominence as members of the Woodlands club in the Essendon District League.

"Chicken" Smallhorn, slick Fitzroy wingman and Brownlow Medal winner, was first heard of as a member of a church team in the East Brunswick competition. Ted Bryce, Essendon, forward pocket player who won his way into the team that represented Victoria in Adelaide last Saturday, learned what football was in the Sub-districts League.

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Industrial football at Richmond Oval : Jacky Take, captain of Port Phillip Mills, and Ted Simpson, captain of Ruskins Sports Club team.

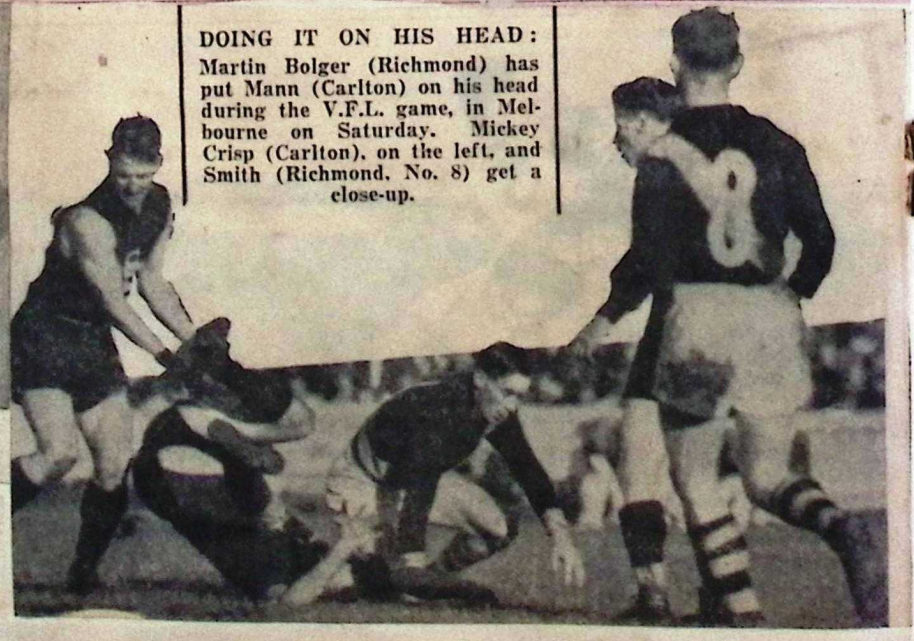
BOOTS AT MELBOURNE.

FOOTBALL TRAINING STARTS

That's a mark! Local football clubs now have all players in strict training for the approaching season.

t: BAXTER, Carlton forward, leaps high but misses the ball. The Hawthorn men are Carter (in front) and H Albiston. Right: Two hefty punches aimed at the ball in the same match.

DOING IT ON HIS HEAD: Martin Bolger (Richmond) has put Mann (Carlton) on his head during the V.F.L. game, in Melbourne on Saturday. Mickey Crisp (Carlton), on the left, and Smith (Richmond, No. 8) get a close-up.



Two photographic sidelights on the Hawthorn-Carlton match on Saturday.
Left: K. Baxter (C.) on the right attempts a mark near Hawthorn's goal.
Right: Baxter goes even higher in another attempt to collect the leather, while Hale (C.), Price (C.), and Waters (H), watch him anxiously.

TOURING VICTORIANS

Strong V.F.L. Team For S.A. and W.A.

FROM the 24 players chosen to represent the Victorian League in Perth (W.A.) on June 24, and in Adelaide on July 1, teams of splendid all-round strength can be built up.

The victories of 1937 and 1938 should be repeated.

FOLLOWING the usual custom instituted when the weaker League clubs raised objections to the selection of men from clubs, generally, without regard to numbers, the League selectors, Messrs. Dummett, Blair, and Mullaly, have chosen two men from each club. The list, therefore, is:—

Carlton: C. Crisp, J. Hale.
Collingwood: J. Regan, Ron Todd.
Essendon: R. Reynolds, H. Torney.
Fitzroy: B. Treweek, A. Hall.
Footscray: N. Ware, Joe Ryan.
Geelong: J. Grant, A. Muller.
Hawthorn: L. Thomas, S. Spinks.
Melbourne: J. Mueller, R. Baggott.
North Melbourne: J. Cordner, R. Adamson.
Richmond: J. Dyer, R. Harris.
St. Kilda: J. Kelly, S. Lloyd.
South Melbourne: J. Graham, H. Matthews.

The wealth of talent in this 24 is equal to any that has been sent out from Victoria in recent years, yet it has to be realised that because of the system to which the League has committed itself, it does not represent Victoria's real strength, by a very long way. Usually it has been the custom to take two players from each of the first eight clubs on the premiership list, and one one from each of the last four, but this year all clubs have been treated alike.

There will not be a weak department in the Victorian teams, either in Perth or Adelaide.

In 1937, Victoria won the A.N.F.C. carnival championship in Perth by defeating South Australia by 2 points, and Western Australia by 12 points. Last year, Victoria defeated Western Australia in Melbourne by 23, and South Australia in Adelaide by 39, points.

No Doubt About Nash

LAURIE NASH, captain and coach of the V.F.A. team, Camberwell, who left South Melbourne without a clearance, was in match-winning mood against the strong Brighton side last Saturday. He kicked 6 goals, took sensational marks, and, generally speaking, was a barrier that Brighton could not overcome. Nash has brought Camberwell to fifth place—a praiseworthy effort.

Nash's performances prove him to be Victoria's best footballer-cricketer of the day.

He has played Test cricket with success, and was a "star" as an interstate footballer. His feat of kicking 18 goals in three quarters in a match, Victoria v South Australia, has never been equalled, and probably never will.

Bait Before the Bird

SOUTH MELBOURNE are harboring a grievance against Camberwell.

At the start of the season, Camberwell persuaded Laurie Nash to leave South without a clearance.

Now a tempting bait at the rate of £7 a week for three years has been held out to Jack Graham, South's star follower. Graham is finding it hard to refuse, but so far South have managed to retain his services.

Camberwell's efforts resemble those of Oakleigh 10 years ago, when George Rudolph, Eric Fleming and Frank Maher were lured from the League at £10 a week cost to the club and supporters.

BILL EARLE

The Right SPOT For a Real Good SPOT
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Conducted by BILL Earle (former Melbourne League footballer).
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Only Best Brands of Liquors Stocked.
Bill will be pleased to see visitors Carnival Week—In fact, any week!

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THIS game of Australian Rules football . . . is certainly turning into a he-man's hobby . . . and what a hobby!

We already know what happened to that "Prince of professional fighters," Ambrose Palmer, who . . . by the way . . . is still and will be nursing . . . those many fractures of his . . . for many months . . . if not years . . . to come.

Last Saturday . . . another tit-bit for the Press . . . when a free-for-all . . . developed between Richmond Recruits . . . and Richmond Rovers.

When Nations Move In On Sport

MORE than twenty. . . brawling, mauling. . . so-called footballers decided that there wasn't enough interest in the game. . . and so the fun started.

Twice. . . the police intervened, finally hustling a few of the "gangsters" away.

It appears. . . that the trouble arose. . . out of a bumping contest between two players.

Ambrose Palmer.

What a pity . . . a sport is to be spoiled by the ill-feelings of sportsmen.

In Palmer's case. . . it is rumored that both last season and this . . . players of several clubs carefully planned to turn on a little rough play.

Of course. . . in the present accident. . . it was accidental. . . yes, sir. If officials of all football codes. . . not only in Victoria. . . but in all States. . . set themselves to stamp out this premeditated gangsterism. . . the games would progress. . . in public favor. . . but who wants to pay admission to see a brawl on a Saturday afternoon . . . when stadiums are open on Saturday nights?

Stamp out this horror . . . and, perhaps, we can view clean sport.

Ambrose Palmer K.O.'ed.

AMBROSE PALMER K.O'ED AT FOOTBALL

AMBROSE PALMER, hero of a hundred fights, lies in a private hospital with his jaw broken in four places, a cheek bone fracture, and a fracture of the base of the skull. The old cut over his eye was opened up and three stitches had to be inserted.

In ten years of a championship ring career, during which he held and defended two Australian titles, Ambrose never was K.O'ed.

IT took a game of football to make him bite the dust. At boxing the worst injury he ever suffered was a stitched eye and the loss of two teeth — that over a period of ten years.

Now in consecutive weeks at football he has been carried from the Footscray ground unconscious. In a practice a week previous in a collision he was knocked out.

Accidental Collision

Palmer was playing for Footscray against Essendon. Early in the first quarter he collided heavily with S. Wilson and Standfield (Essendon).

All three men were knocked out. I saw the collision and it seemed to me that Wilson's head connected with Palmer's face while he was also thrown over on to Standfield's knee. The three of them were sent sprawling on the turf.

Wilson and Standfield continued after some time but were very sore. Standfield limping for a long time.

A call for the club doctor for Palmer was answered immediately, and after first aid had been rendered he was carried off on a stretcher.

The occurrence was purely accidental.

The irony of it all is that Ambrose loves football and had put in two months' solid preparation for the opening of the season. He was one of the fittest men to take the field on Saturday.

I walked across the room with him as the Footscray team filed out on to the field. "I have looked forward to today for months," he said, as he dived his hands in the resin box.

"Good luck," I said, and out he ran. Within 15 minutes he was back in the same room dazed and bleeding.

One puzzling feature of the case is that Palmer was refused admission to three public hospitals. Possibly the people who shut their doors on him did not know that he often boxed for charities in Melbourne. On one occasion he paid his own fare and expenses to Sydney to box on behalf of a charity show in aid of hospitals.

About this not only Palmer himself and his family have something to say, but I should imagine the Victorian Football League will not let the affair pass unnoticed, as each season the League donates hundreds of pounds to charities.

Treated Scandalously

Mr. Sam Ramsay, secretary of the Footscray Football Club, said that his club tried for nearly an hour and a half to obtain hospital admission for Palmer. Finally the Alfred Hospital agreed to attend to him.

"Palmer arrived at the Alfred Hospital in an ambulance shortly after 4 o'clock," said Mr. Ramsay. "At 6 o'clock the hospital intimated that the injured man could not be admitted. What was the reason I do not know.

"Palmer finally was placed in a private hospital, where he was immediately operated on.

"The treatment of Palmer was scandalous, and it will be the subject of discussion at the League table.

"We support the hospitals magnificently each year, and expect a little consideration for our players in return. This is not the first time footballers have had similar treatment.

"A man with a fractured skull is a serious casualty, and to think that he was turned out was, in the opinion of my club, outrageous."

Palmer said that while waiting for admission at the Alfred Hospital he gathered, from the whispered conversations, that finance was the hold-up. The question was point blank asked who was going to foot the bill. On being told that the Footscray club would be responsible they were further asked who would guarantee it.

"At this stage," Ambrose said, "I was so ill that I personally agreed to meet any expense that might be incurred. I realised that I had to get in somewhere, as I was feeling all-in.

"Even this suggestion was in vain, for I was finally told that I could not be admitted.

"This was a bitter pill for me to take after all that I have done to aid the hospitals and charities during my ring career.

"I am not so sore at not being able to get in, but being kept two hours before they told me was a bit tough, I thought."

Des. Fothergill, noted Collingwood footballer, who played a brilliant innings for 153 for Northcote against University.

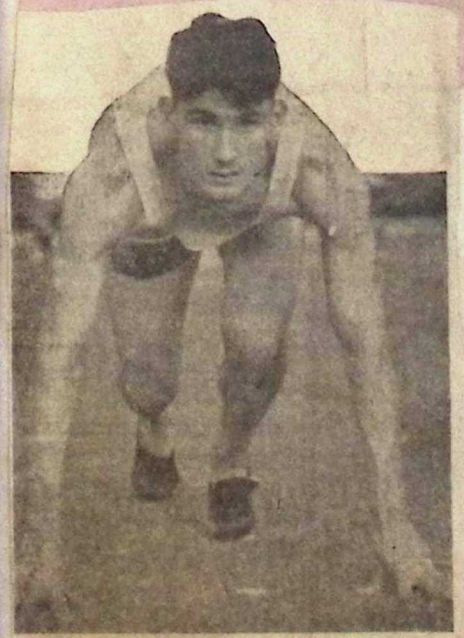
LANCE COLLINS has many supporters for the big race.

J. Kelly

Jack Grant (Geelong), winner of the Stawell Easter Gift 1938, who will start off 7 yds. — virtual scr. — in the Maryborough Gift on Monday.

FOOTBALLER IN STAWELL GIFT.

Leslie Dunn (Ormond), favorite for the Stawell Gift and winner of the Dandenong Gift (100 yds.) and 75 yds. on Saturday is shown beating Paul Buckley in one of the Dandenong Gift semi-finals. Behind them is Jack Kelly, the St. Kilda footballer and fancy for Stawell, and G. M. Willis, the Ballarat policeman who was third at Stawell last year.



GEELONG FOOTBALLER, Jack Grant, who is running himself into favor for the Gift.

Balfour — a Collingwood dasher in defence.

S.A. Team Too Light

WITH few outstanding League footballers the S.A. selectors had a problem in selecting the team to meet Victoria at Adelaide next Saturday. Victorians play the more rugged and systematic game. They are usually bigger men and there are too many small men in the S.A. team.

THE S.A. centre-line, Cahill, Hender, and Treleaven are comparative midgets and will have little chance in the air, though their extraordinarily good ground-work may enable them to succeed. Brown, another tiny player, may be kept out of the game by the stalwart Victorian backs.

The surprise selection was Ned Hender, as centreman and captain. He has seldom played centre for his club, and as captain of Port Adelaide, has come in for a great deal of criticism because of the team's failures.

Sterzl was a last-minute selection because of a great game for South against Port. Colin Smith looks too slow for a half-back. He is more of a herpherd ruck than anything else.

K West only recently played half-back for Port. Before that he was goalkeeper, and it shows the problem of the selectors when they had to select West for the centre half-back position.

The South Australian rucks look strong: "Bull" Reval, "Blue" Johnston, Ted Biggs, and Alf Smith are all in great form. Rovers Quinn and Halliday are the best available.

If South Australia beats Victoria, it will be because of pace and fearlessness. The hard-bumping, accurate-punting, safe-marking men from Melbourne, will be hot favorites.

FARMER LOSES HIS PANTS

Ken Farmer was showing a little too much determination to score, so a Norwood player pulled Farmer's pants off. The pants were torn down the middle. Farmer managed to kick seven of the 10 goals scored by North during the afternoon.

South Adelaide, by easily defeating Port Adelaide at Alberton on Saturday, retain top position on the South Australian premiership. South have lost only one of their ten games.

Port Adelaide, premiers for the last two years, have met with three consecutive reverses, but are still level for third place with West Torrens.

Norwood came out and played like champions on Saturday to eclipse North Adelaide. With a slippery ball and greasy oval (caused through rain) Norwood played a magnificent game with thorough system. Norwood are second with two losses.

Glenelg created the season's surprise when they defeated Sturt at Unley Oval last Saturday. They had never previously beaten Sturt at Unley. Glenelg had nine consecutive losses and no wins. They will cause other teams trouble before the season ends. South and Norwood appeared sure for the semi-finals. The other teams for the four will come from North, Torrens, Port, and Sturt.

South Australian results:—Glenelg, 12—19 (91 points), d Sturt, 9—11 (65 points.). Norwood, 15—17 (107) d North, 10—17 (77); Torrens, 16—13 (109) d West, 8—10 (58); South, 15—21 (111), d Port, 11—12 (78).

W.A.'s STRONG TEAM

For Interstate Tour

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN selectors have chosen an impressive side to meet Victoria and South Australia in Melbourne and Adelaide.

In recent years the standard of play in Western Australia has been only just a little inferior to Victoria.

The Western Australian team is:—M. Tetley (West Perth), captain; J. Ditchburn (Swans), vice-captain; G. Krepp, J. Murray, and S. Sinclair (Swans), A. Kingsbury and G. Dolg (East Fremantle), F. Jenkins, W. Truscott, A. Richardson (South Fremantle), D. Oliphant, C. Kreightley, F. Puddey, A. Gook, P. Fitzgerald (Perth), A. Brewer, L. Strack (Subiaco), J. Hooper, J. Reeves, G. Maloney (Claremont), R. Starr, M. Ryan, D. Cronin, R. Crow, P. Lockyer (East Perth).

South Australia will play Western Australia on July 23 and 26.

Melbourne, Wednesday, June 14, 1939

TASMANIAN IS DISGUSTED WITH LEAGUE GAME

Wants The Throw

By H. A. de LACY

BARNEY BADCOCK, former Northern Tasmania and City captain, and a Carnival player for Tasmania in 1908, called into the office yesterday. He has been having a quiet look at football in Melbourne. He confesses he is solid on the throw pass.

"The Victorian Football League will not hestitate to ac
if it can secure evidence that the Coulter Law is bein
broken," says Mr. R. N. McBrien, Secretary of the Victoria
Football League.

"Tell your readers that I
know of £50 of League Club
money and two players be-
ing given in exchange for a
Preston player," said Pres-
ton's president, Mr. H. P.
Zwar, M.L.A.

St. Kilda considered W. Maslen
was worth £50, so Mr. H. P.
Zwar declares.

WELL MARKED, SIR. Ron Todd,
of Collingwood, shows how it's
done.

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Can he carry a
penalty and win?
Jack Grant, 1938
Gift victor.

You Can't Play High-Class Football

If You're Not Physically Fit

BY A WELL-KNOWN SPORTING DOCTOR

BEFORE A MAN CAN PLAY WORTH-WHILE FOOTBALL HE MUST ATTAIN A HIGH STANDARD OF PHYSICAL FITNESS.

IF THE DIET IS UNSUITABLE THE BODY CANNOT BE PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED, NEITHER CAN IT FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

Man is the only animal intuitively unable to select his own food.

WHILE the average adult maintains a uniform standard of good health by the observance of commonsense rules of living, there are times in the life of the individual when some increased demands are placed upon his system. At such times it becomes necessary to supplement the dietary.

THE chief requirements of suitable foods are, that they should be easily assimilable, palatable, and properly balanced, so as to replace loss of energy and the destruction of tissue, brought about by exercise.

To that person engaged in strenuous physical exercise—and surely there can be none unprepared to admit that football is in that class—it is most essential that the food chosen should possess a very high nutritive value.

"The Referee" has always stressed the importance of physical efficiency as the chief factor in winning games.

The player who goes on to the field without having partaken of any food is unfair to himself and to his team; but frequently the interval of time from ceasing work to playing football does not allow him to partake of a substantial meal.

Herein lies the great value of chocolate, for no other foodstuff provides nourishment in so well balanced a form.

IN estimating the value of any foodstuff its energy-producing qualities are of the utmost importance.

As a foodstuff possessing great sustaining qualities in a concentrated form, chocolate is recognised throughout the world. But whether by soldiers, sailors, explorers, and members of the medical profession, or their patients, or picture show patrons, it has come to be regarded more as a sweetmeat than a food.

The chief constituents are cacao butter, cacao starch, protein, and sugar—each of which produces a great amount of "fuel" for the body to utilise. Therein lies the energy-producing qualities.

In fact, one pound of eating chocolate is equivalent in calorie value to two and a half pounds of beefsteak.

Further, if taken in the form of milk chocolate—prepared by the addition of dried milk, i.e., milk with seven-eighths of its water content evaporated—and hence possessing the well-known food value of milk in highly concentrated form—the calorie value is higher.

Now vitamin deficiency is productive of many causes of disease, and those people habitually taking the right type of food, resist infection better than those on diets not as well chosen. Chocolate contains the vital vitamins "A" and "D" in their right proportion.

It is ideal for the use of all athletes, but especially for those engaged in the pastimes pertaining to winter, when the body requires a greater intake of heat-producing food than in the warmer months. Further, it has the added advantages of compactness, palatability, and economy.

THE matter of diet is an important factor, but so long as there is a good assortment of dishes, typical of the average Australian's menu there is no need to study the problems of vitamins, caloric feeding, and roughage so dear to the food faddist.

Before a match there should be an interval of about three hours between the MEAL and the KICK-OFF.

Incidentally, the meal should be much more substantial than a few meat pies. A grilled steak, somewhat under-done, will be found to supply an excellent foundation.

Sucking barley sugar has many advocates, and is quite sound physiologically. A slice of pineapple liberally sprinkled with sugar will be found a wonderful reviver at half-time.

At full-time a few schooners of beer—which is contra-indicated during the week preceding the match—will be found very beneficial.

The habit of smoking is not so firmly engrafted among footballers as in other classes of the community.

The matter of recreation is a vital consideration. Recreation should be varied and, while late hours are to be avoided as tending to interfere with rest, an occasional dance, an evening at the theatre or cinema, afford mental relaxation; while, if the financial position permits, there is nothing more beneficial than a mid-week round of golf.

Lance Collins (Coburg footballer), aspirant for Stawell Gift.

"OUT OF MY WAY."—Richmond skipper, Percy Bentley, might have said that as he gave Murphy, of Collingwood, a hefty shove during their Victorian Australian Rules club game on Saturday. Dick Harris, of Richmond, is awaiting the issue. 35,000 fans attended the game.

Throwing

THE SPORTING GLOBE

Wednesday, June 22, 1938

Acclaimed In City And Country

Reply To Mr Cathie On His Criticism of Throwing the Ball

EVERYBODY everywhere is talking about the throw. I have not met a man anywhere who, having seen an Association game from bell to bell, has not declared that throwing must ultimately come into the Australian game. I should have said I had not met anyone outside some League delegates who do not favor throwing.

With some League delegates the throw is "outs," for the one and only reason that the Association introduced it. These delegates have proved themselves excellent fishermen with fine bags full of "Red Herrings" to show.

We say that these people are confusing the fight between executive powers of the League the Association with an honest attempt to improve football.

HOW'S THIS FOR A FLYING LEAP? Balfour (Collingwood) flies above Bates (Richmond) in front. Woods (Collingwood) waits in case the mark is missed. A scene from the big Melbourne Australian Rules match on Saturday.

SYSTEM TOO GOOD

East Fremantle Win Well At Sydney

By "NORWOOD"

East Fremantle footballers came to Sydney with a great reputation. They hold the premiership of the West and are expected to have a fine chance of again winning the pennant. In upholding those who spoke highly of them they defeated N.S.W. by 15-14—104 to 9-11—65.

WHEN last in Sydney—in 1912—one of their finest players was E. Reilly. He accompanied them again and was just as much interested as when he wore their jersey. They are averse from importing crack footballers from other States to build up the side, preferring to look after their juniors, a policy that apparently pays with them. They have won 18 premierships—eight since the war.

EASE AND ACCURACY

When into their stride, in the second quarter, they gave a delightful exhibition of the code. The ball passed from man to man with charming ease and accuracy that must have astonished onlookers who were witnessing the code for the first time.

They were faster than the home team, especially in getting up pace at the start—an essential to success. Surer in the air and quicker at spotting an unwatched man, as well as exploiting the hand-pass to greater advantage, it was evident from the start—though scores were level at quarter-time—they would win. Their system was sure to triumph.

It could not be expected that the local players would combine like a club team, still they did a good job, though unaccustomed to such a big ground—a contrast to Erskineville Oval or Trumper Park.

After a quarter in which N.S.W., playing very well, led 3.1 to 1-2, G. Doig destroyed the home hopes, kicking four goals, the last just before half-time being a remarkable punt which even the oldest inhabitant amongst the 6000 spectators viewed as the "best ever."

In the third quarter G. Mann took the place of Clarke (injured) for the visitors. Highlights of the session were the sky-scraping marking of Smythe, duels between the rival wingers, all round skill of Donegan and cleverness of Phelan at goal-kicking. East added three goals to lead 11.9 to 7.9, and they eventually won by 15.14 (104) to 9.11 (65).

Every one on the visiting side performed well, still, special mention should be made of George Doig, champion goal-kicker of the West, who notched seven goals, marked finely and displayed a keen sense of the game. Since 1933 he has kicked more than 100 goals each season, his highest being 152.

Donegan was tip-top all round, followed untiringly, and being accurate in his hand-passing—a great footballer. James, though heavy, came through at a fast clip. His method of disposing of the ball was faultless. C. Doig, Martiensen and the skipper, Hutchinson, were sure. Wing men, Taylor and Seubert, were pacy, especially the former. Superior in the air to Eyre and Shaw they were, however, no better in other phases of the game.

Why American Kicking Is Wrong

CARLTON will again kick against Stanford University (U.S.A.) next Saturday, at the Carlton ground. Stanford will kick in California (U.S.).

Last year Carlton defeated Standford, when they kicked before the League grand final at the M.C.C. Harry Vallence then kicked farthest with both balls, with 69 yards.

THIS year Carlton will have three men kicking in each type of kick—punt, drop and place—and the result will be added together to give a team result both in respect to the type of kick division and the kicking as a whole.

They will kick with both the American and the Australian balls.

In addition, Carlton will compete at throwing the American ball, though it is not to be expected that they will succeed here. The Americans throw their ball up to 50 yards.

I doubt whether the Americans ever will defeat Australians at kicking a football. Look at the accompanying picture and note their technique. It is decidedly a toe technique.

In Australia we frown on toe kickers because we believe the kick from the instep to be more reliable, more accurate, and to go further.

Australians almost to a man are instep kickers. There is greater propulsion from the hip with the instep kicking technique, as an endeavor to kick with the toe invariably results in cramped calf and hip muscles. This hinders the freedom of action and prevents rhythm.

"LET IT COME!" Woods of Collingwood seems to say (left) during an incident in the game at Richmond. But where is the ball? Regan, Collingwood's champion full-back (No. 18) and Symonds of Richmond fight for possession of the ball that isn't there. Jack Titus, Richmond's full-forward, is on the ground.

JACK REGAN

Gossip From W.A

Perth, June 18, 1939

Football Gossip

A Claremont representative who is improving with each match is H. Guthrie. Positioned at half-back Guthrie appeared on the slow side in his earlier games but now has developed the habit of beating his half-forward to the ball. Guthrie has nice judgment, too; he should go a long way in the game.

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Claremont left on an Eastern States tour last night that will involve matches at Kalgoorlie, Broken Hill and Adelaide. Coach Johnnie Leonard, who will extend his trip to Melbourne and Sydney for business reasons, will be a player against the goldfields.

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Looking over the pickets at Claremont yesterday was Ted Holdsworth, former Swan District's crack forward who kicked 113 goals in the first round of matches last season and 109 the previous year. Holdsworth, in form, would be a veritable gold mine to Swan Districts this year. Swans badly need a classy forward.

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A remarkable man is Jack Murray, burly Swan Districts follower. Normally weighing 13.6, ill-health reduced Murray's weight to 10.12 but he went on playing football. In the last ten days Murray has recovered eight pounds of the lost weight and against Claremont was one of the star performers of the day.

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Reminiscent of the "Derbies" of other days, the game at the Port yesterday afternoon provided spectators with a feast of football. Played at an amazing pace, the game, except for the first term, was always full of interest, and as usual provided many hard knocks and elements of ruggedness.

It was a stroke of bad luck for Subiaco when Les Hardiman's leg went on him early in the second quarter yesterday. His display up to then had been outstanding, and while not detracting from Neeson's effort, it is doubtful whether the latter would have been as effective if Hardiman could have continued.

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When in form, H. Smith (East Perth) is one of the most attractive footballers in the game. Against Subiaco, he missed nothing that came his way and handled the greasy ball without difficulty.

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Although Subiaco were without the services yesterday of five of their regulars against East Perth, their effort must have been disheartening to their supporters. With their key men well covered, the side was in difficulties throughout, but the display of a youngster in Cartledge was distinctly promising, while Bennett also shaped nicely on the wing.

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A follower in Broom, whose methods are effective but not showy, was one of East Perth's best, while Leo Graham also weighed in with a sound game, kicking five goals in the process.

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One cannot see a hundred per cent. State team without Oliphant and Gook. They have a perfect understanding, Oliphant stab-passing to give Gook the run to the ball.

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Two noticeable absentees from the Port game yesterday who were sadly missed in their respective positions were Truscott, from South Fremantle, and Charlie Doig, from East. The latter player especially was badly needed in East's half-forward line.

In Henfrey, Perth have picked up the find of the year. He has the essential qualification of a half-forward in his ability to pass low. In contrast, Fred Puddey, who dominated the centre position kicks too many high random punts.

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The ground at the W.A.C.A. was very heavy, but did not deter Pola and Rainoldi, who were outstanding in a beaten side.

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Perth played the youngest man who has worn league colors this season, and one of the biggest. Aged 16, N. McIntosh was unfortunate in having to play his first league game under such unfavorable conditions, but he acquitted himself well, kicking two goals and playing well in the ruck.

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Perth has a most talented centre line in Ransom, Davey and Puddey. They have great pace, but lack accuracy in passing the ball. With skilful half-forwards in Lewis and Henfrey, better passing would produce much more effective work.

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A too frequent infringement of the rules to which umpires should pay more attention is "rabbiting." There have been many bad instances this season, and a Claremont player was injured yesterday from this cause. Incidentally, one of the worst offenders in league matches is a league player who, without being penalised, can be depended upon to commit at least half a dozen breaches any Saturday afternoon. It is tolerably certain that sooner or later this player will duck his head into somebody's boot, or he will injure somebody else.

The name of Doig has long been associated with the game of football, and in the Fremantle Derby, two players of that name were well to the forefront: George Doig secured seven goals and played with all his old skill, while Dave Doig for the opposite side, played with that dash and easiness which has always been a hall-mark of the Doigs.

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Making a welcome return to football, Geoff Skeahan turned out with Old East yesterday. Although showing lack of match practice, it should not be long before he gets back to that reliable form which has made him such a valuable asset to his side in recent years.

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A lad who plays consistently well and goes his way in a quiet and unostentatious manner, is young Renfrey, of South Fremantle. Playing in a back pocket, he is seldom faulted, and his game reminds one of the games put up by Norman Doig for Old East. At times he is called on to the ball, and then reveals that he is quite a valuable change as rover.

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On Saturday next the Subiaco Football Club will tender a complimentary dance to the visiting Victorian footballers and officials and the State team. This will be the official function for the evening and will give football followers a great opportunity of meeting the champions of both States under social conditions. The captains and manager of each team will be introduced to patrons and many novelties presented. It should be a night of fun and frolic. Tickets will be limited and can be procured from Mr. T. Outridge, Harris, Scarfe and Sandovers; Messrs. Laubman and Pank, Barrack-street; Mr. A. V. Penrose, Police Department, or Mr. J. Ashdown, 16 London-street, Mt. Hawthorn.

CRACK-W-A-MEN BANNED

BANNED FOOTBALLERS SPEAK OUT

There was a sensational development in regard to the banned footballers tonight when three of their number made an official statement.

Their version of events differs widely from that given earlier by Claremont ruckman Jack Reeves.

Tonight's statement was made by D. Oliphant, A. Gook and P. Fitzgerald, all members of Perth team, in the presence of officials of that club.

Their statement is as follows:—

"On Thursday night last we, the three members of Perth Club affected by the ban, met to discuss the whole matter.

"With regard to the apology referred to in the league's motion, we decided in the presence of committeemen of our club that this was a matter purely for Reeves himself to decide, and not our concern.

"It was arranged that one of us (Oliphant) should see Reeves on Friday morning and let him know what decision we had reached. It was left to him to decide entirely for himself what attitude he should take, but that whatever it was we would concur in it."

The three Perth players made this statement in the presence of Mr. J. P. Sheedy (secretary) and prominent officials of Perth.

Reeves made his statement on Thursday night.

It was reported that he said that he was willing to apologise as the motion demanded him to do but: the other players involved in the ban had said that they should all stick together and they did not see why he should be called upon to make an apology simply to make them eligible for the State side.

Although it had been expected, the apology was not forthcoming at Wednesday's league meeting. It was then decided that a special meeting should be held last night, but when the apology had not appeared by 4 p.m. yesterday this was cancelled.

With that decision went the last chance of the lifting of the embargo prior to the selection of the side to meet Victoria.

STATE FOOTBALL TEAM SELECTED

LAST night State football selectors S. J. Snow, P. Rodriguez and C. Doig selected 23 players, from whom a final 18 will be chosen for next Saturday's big interstate game at Subiaco Oval between Victoria and this State.

State selectors (Messrs. C. Doig, S. Snow and P. Rodriquez) are here seen picking Western Australia's football team to meet Victoria next Saturday.

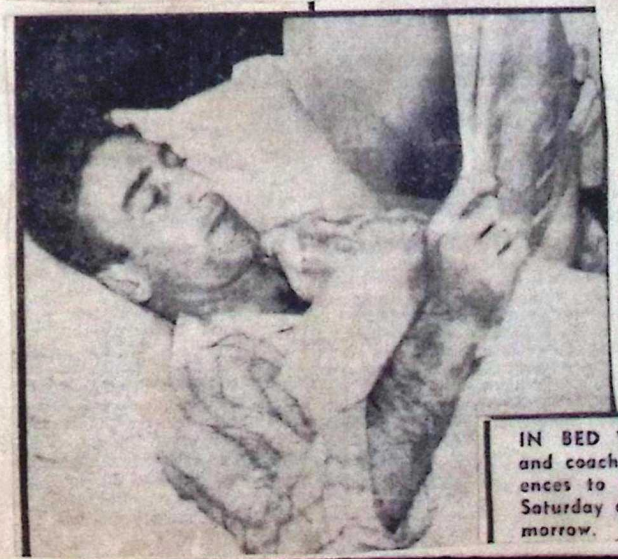
22 Men Are Named

R. Hutchinson (E. Ftle.), capt.
B. Ryan (E.P.), vice-capt.
G. Doig (E. Ftle.).
A. Strang (E. Ftle.).
R. McGlinn (E. Ftle.).
K. Seubert (E. Ftle.).
G. Krepp (S.D.).
S. Sinclair (S.D.).
H. Andrews (S.D.).
R. Starr (E.P.).
F. Ward (E.P.).
R. Thomas (E.P.).
F. Jenkins (S. Ftle.).
J. Reilly (S. Ftle.).
W. Truscott (S. Ftle.).
B. Chandler (S. Ftle.).
D. Doig (S. Ftle.).
H. Bunton (S.).
K. Shea (S.).
E. O'Keeffe (W.P.).
F. Puddey (P.).
J. Murray (S.D.).
L. Hardiman (S.).

BANNED PLAYERS.—As no apology had been received tonight's special meeting of league was cancelled late this afternoon making it practically certain ban will remain in force for Victorian matches. (See Page 6.)

R. HUTCHINSON WILL BE CAPTAIN

GETS HIM DOWN



The absence of Claremont on tour and the ban that was placed on a number of prospective players limited the opportunities of the selectors in providing the best representative team. Nevertheless, those that they have chosen should give a good account of themselves, even though many supporters of the game may find room for criticism.

The greatest difficulty with which the selectors had to contend was the choosing of a ruck strength sufficient to cope with the strong Victorians.

Men that Western Australia will have to rely upon in this department are Ryan, Murray, Andrews, Reilly, O'Keefe and Hardiman, with Strang also capable of taking a turn on the ball.

These men are capable of good performances in club football, but with the exception of only a few of them it is difficult to see them standing up to the stalwart Victorians.

For success in this department these ruck men will have to rely upon clever shepherding, which is permitted to a greater degree in this State than in Victoria.

Among the rovers the State team has Strang, McGlinn, Truscott and Bunton.

These men should hold their own, although East Perth supporters will naturally regret that H. Screaigh is not among the numbers.

The most interesting venture of the selectors is to choose only one recognised wing-man, G. Krepp, of Swan Districts.

Puddey has played on the wing, and for the other wing position, a selection will have to be made from one of the recognised centre-men, Hutchinson, Seubert, Sinclair and Jenkins.

It is an interesting experiment.

Another problem of the selectors has been the choosing of a man to subdue Todd, the freakish high-flying goalsneak that the Victorians will be bringing with them.

Possibly this will be Hardiman's mission.

One cannot define with accuracy who will be goalsneak, but in view of Regan's display of physical strength on George Doig in the 1937 Carnival, it is possible that Chandler will be put immediately in front of goal, with Doig in a pocket.

No fault can be found with the defence division, and taken generally the team is a good representation of all that is available in Western Australian football.

IN BED WITH INFLUENZA, State football captain and coach Ross Hutchinson studies newspaper references to the team he will lead against Victoria on Saturday and Monday. He expects to be well by tomorrow.

Victorian Stars For Perth

Latest pictures of some of the key men of the Victorian football team who will arrive here next Wednesday. Victoria will meet Western Australia on the following Saturday.

Vice-captain Thomas, Hawthorn captain, one of the followers in the team, is regarded as one of Victoria's "iron men."

Half-forward Muller (Geelong), who, like Thomas, will make his first W.A. visit.

Wingman Kelly (St. Kilda), about the smallest man on the side, was here with St. Kilda last year.

Captain Dick Reynolds, a rover, has won the Brownlow Medal three times — a distinction he shares only with Haydn Bunton.

Backman Treweek (Fitzroy)

Half-forward Grant (Geelong)

Centre half-forward. Baggott (Melbourne)

Wing and centre J. Cordner (North Melbourne)

Footscray half-back Ryan, another who will be new to this State.

Carlton centre C. Crisp led the Victorians against W.A. in Melbourne last year.

"THROW BALL"

IF some of those stalwarts, from the late H. C. A. Harrison, "the father of the Australian game," who established a code of football which was unique and so attractive that it captured the imagination of the Australian people, could revisit the scenes of their youth and watch an Association game, they would wonder. One of the first principles of this Australian game of which we are so proud was that in no circumstance should the ball be thrown. The "little mark," the "flick pass" were mere subterfuges to enable a clever player to evade the law, and each has been discarded because they are evasions. When I first saw the Association game, with the throw permitted, I thought it had its merits, and that impression was confirmed when I watched Prahran and Coburg in their match on June 12 at Tcorak Park. I still think it has some merit, but I am convinced that it is not in keeping with the Australian game. I am also strongly of the opinion that if it be adopted universally it will sound the death knell of Australian football. When the inventors of the Australian code made the laws the first thing they thought of was to do away with "off side," and that to a Rugby or soccer man was an abomination.

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IN setting the Australian field the idea was to appoint fixed positions. That in the development of the code this has not been strictly observed will be admitted. We find the game closing up; we find wing men crowding into the centre; we see congested play; but that is because our teams do not keep their places. As I see it throwing the ball is not going to alter that; it is rather likely to accentuate the evil. In the match on Monday, while the pace was certainly increased, there were more scrimmages, more "aacks on the mill," more fierce scrambles than one would see in the most congested League game. The umpire did not seem anxious to interfere with the scrimmages.

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HE was quite willing to see men fight their way out. In the fierce clashes one felt that it was a good thing that the ground was soft, but even so the ambulance-men had a very busy day, and as each seemed to have a little brown box with a first-aid equipment it was evident that all preparations had been made for any emergency that might arise.

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THE tendency of the throw is to make the game ragged. It certainly increased the pace, but it did not make the game open. It made it more desperate, and very often I saw a man throw the ball five yards when he could have kicked it 50. On several occasions I saw a half-back, after breaking away for an opening, refuse to kick, and turn to throw the ball to a comrade, when he could have cleared his defence lines with a kick. And in more than one instance the mistake cost his side a goal.

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THAT this style of play attracts a certain following is undoubted, and there was one aspect of it that was decidedly interesting. The umpire is by no means the objectionable person whom League followers deride. The crowd seemed to realise that the umpire was an authority, not an enemy or a "spoil sport." I saw one of the first Association games under the throw-the-ball rules, and wondered how it would develop, and now, having seen it again, I do not think there has been much progress. Drastic alterations take some time to attain their objective. As I walked home after the match and recalled its incidents I wondered how a League team without the throw would fare against an Association team allowed to throw. It was an interesting problem and one for which I could find no solution.

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FINALLY Prahran won by three points, with the scores:—Prahran, 15 goals 14 behinds (104 points), to 15 goals 11 behinds (101 points); but if a shot just before the final bell had been a foot farther to the right it would have given Coburg the winning goal and turned defeat into victory. There were some very fine players, and I was particularly struck by the form of Hawkins, the Prahran forward; "Tich" White, a very clever rover, who, judging by his argument with a goalpost, is also an iron man; and Davey, a big half-forward, on one side; and Lance Collins, the Coburg forward, who was so eagerly sought by Carlton last year; Whitfield, a wing man; and La Franchi, in the ruck, on the other.

CARLTON CRUSHED

COLLINGWOOD, in defeating Carlton by 18 goals 15 behinds (123 points) to 12 goals 12 behinds (84 points) at Victoria Park on Saturday, left no doubt in the minds of the 32,500 spectators that the Magpies are still a force to reckon with. Team building is an art at Collingwood, where there is the most complete understanding. When the season opened there was some dismay at Collingwood. Marcus Boyall, who finished last season as the outstanding centre half-back, had gone to Adelaide. One wing seemed likely to flutter feebly, and unless Albert Collier could overcome his knee weakness there seemed to be a lack of force in the first ruck. Collingwood, however, like Britain, always seems able to find the right man in a crisis. Hocking, a recruit of last year, is fitting in as the centre half-back, and Campbell, an 18-year-old lad from Preston, is already a brilliant wingman. Then, after a couple of games with the seconds as a test, Albert Collier returned to the team and gave the first ruck that virility so essential, and against Richmond the side functioned satisfactorily. Against Carlton the old machine, with some new parts, was in perfect working order, and all is well in the Magpies' nest.

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CARLTON has not been so fortunate. Brighton Diggins, its captain and coach, is a great and inspiring leader, but he is one of the unlucky ones, and like R. E. S. Wyatt, the English cricketer, has a faculty for meeting with accident. Just now he is out of action owing to a broken finger, and the side is weakened. Then the loss of Harry Vallence as a scoring forward has left a blank which is not yet filled, and the team is not able to press home its advantage, which the others have made possible. On Saturday Collingwood was the compelling side. All over the field its men were faster and smarter, and Carlton supporters saw their men beaten at all points, lumbering hopelessly in the rear. Carlton has the material if it can be handled well, but at present the throne of premiership, which last season was draped with dark blue, seems likely to be reupholstered. Will it be in the black and white colours of Collingwood, the red and blue of Melbourne, the yellow and black of Richmond, or the red, white, and black of St. Kilda? Time will tell!

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The Australasian.

ST. KILDA, true to its reputation, is providing the sensations of the season. At its best it is a most capable side, full of dash and vigour, but occasionally faltering and falling into silly error. For three quarters of the game at the southern end of Albert Park North Melbourne was the better side, and had outplayed the Saints to such an extent that at the final change the Northerners were 27 points to the good, and seemed certain winners. Then came one of those remarkable recoveries which are the spice of the game. St. Kilda had been ragged and purposeless, their supporters saw their premiership vanishing into thin air, and could not hope for victory. Suddenly there was a dramatic change, and St. Kilda fairly ran their opponents off their legs. From a rabble the Saints became a highly organised band of trained and capable athletes, and, adding 8 goals 5 behinds to 2 goals, won easily by 18 goals 12 behinds (120 points) to 16 goals 10 behinds (106 points). It was as unexpected as it was convincing. In Kelly, its wing man, St. Kilda had the outstanding player of the match, but much of the success was due to the clean leadership and artistic play of Ansell/Clarke, the captain. I could never understand how Carlton failed to appreciate his worth.

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RICHMOND, profiting by the lesson Collingwood gave it, went to Glenferrie with a full sense of the magnitude of its task. The Tigers realised that no chances could be taken, and in winning by 12 goals 21 behinds (93 points) to 7 goals 13 behinds (55 points), they made every post a winning post, and made their victory sure. Hawthorn played well, but was not able to withstand the Tigers in their most virulent mood. It is pleasing to read that both sides appreciated the work of the field umpire (Hawkins).

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THE holiday matches were not particularly interesting. Geelong defeated Fitzroy at Geelong by 21—17 (143 points) to 14—12 (96 points), playing better football all over the field. Melbourne led by 12—3 to 6—4 at half-time against Footscray, but the men from the Saltwater River played up so well that at the end the margin was only 19 points, the scores being: — Melbourne, 18—14 (122 points); Footscray, 15—13 (103 points).

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IN the old days of the Jolimont ground the meeting of South Melbourne and Essendon on Queen's Birthday was one of the attractions of the year, and on Saturday the meeting of these old rivals was the surprise of the round. South Melbourne won by 13—13 (91 points) to 9—16 (70 points). It was a fumbling, straggling game, and the side which made the fewer mistakes won.

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MELBOURNE is still at the head of the premiership on averages from Collingwood and Richmond, each having scored 28 points. St. Kilda (24 points) is fourth, and then follow Hawthorn (13 points), Carlton and Geelong (16 points), Fitzroy (10 points), Essendon, North Melbourne, and South Melbourne (8 points), and Footscray (nil).

Struggle For Position

O. PARKS (NTH. MELB., 29), Fountain (St. Kilda) and Coles (St. Kilda, 18) in a keen struggle for position to intercept the ball as it sailed towards them. — An incident in the League game at St. Kilda.

ALBERT COLLIER (Collingwood) taking a difficult mark, while a team mate, A. Hill, tries to ward off a Carlton opponent.

Norman Ware, the best man on the ground in the Footscray-Melbourne clash.

UNANIMOUS OPINION AGAINST HOLDING RULE

GREAT FOLLOWER AND STAR CENTRE

JACK CHARLESWORTH

By PAT O'NEILL

BECAUSE Tasmanian champions in Viv Valentine, the late George Challis, Percy Jory, Eric Huxtable, Laurie Nash, Stan Trebilco, Pat Hartnett, and a host of others went to Melbourne to join League clubs, it must not be assumed that all Tasmanian footballers of outstanding ability were attracted by the more lucrative and glamorous opportunities awaiting them on the mainland. Far from it.

EVERY season shows a few Tasmanians taking a prominent part in Melbourne football but some of the greatest players the State ever produced preferred to stay at home.

Jack Dunn and Horrie Gorringe would have commanded big money and a game with any Victorian club, and had Jack Charlesworth, the subject of this story, sought mainland honors, his name would have appeared in more than one selected Victorian 18—either as follower or centre man.

Born on the North-East Coast 45 years ago, Jack Charlesworth was educated at Queens College and Hutchins School, Hobart. He was an outstanding player with Queens, and when that school amalgamated with Hutchins in 1913, was equally prominent in the strong sides that the combination produced. In 1912 (while still at school) he was invited to have a try-out in senior company with Cananore. He was not an immediate success, although he had several games, but he was only 17 at the time.

JACK CHARLESWORTH

CONGRATS., DICK REYNOLDS!

DICK REYNOLDS, Essendon skipper, is to captain the Victorian Football League's team in Perth (W.A.) on June 24, and Adelaide on July 1. A popular appointment, and thoroughly well-merited.

Reynolds, on three occasions, has won the Brownlow Medal, the Victorian League's award for the "best and fairest" player of the year. A brilliant and versatile player, Reynolds in every way is an ornament to the game.

He is no stranger to interstate and Australian carnival football, but this is the first occasion on which he has been chosen to lead a Victorian team in another State.

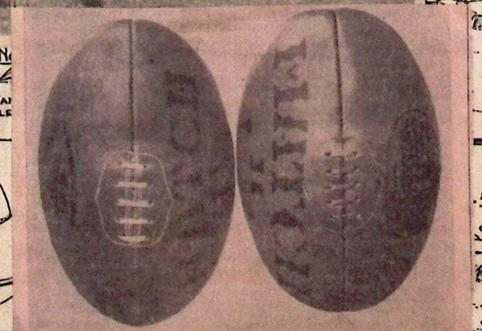
With good reason, many people regard Reynolds as a greater player than Hayden Bunton, because of his greater versatility.—H.O.B.

EXPERTS AGREE IT HAS RUINED THE GAME

Umpiring Fails To Satisfy

AERIAL DUEL in the Carlton-Collingwood game on Saturday. Collier, Pannam, and Todd of Collingwood await the result.

VIEW No. 1.



On the left is the old, pointed-nosed ball. The new ball (on the right) will be easily recognised because of its snub-nosed extremities and its wider beam circumference. The new ball can be stood on its end without support because it is so flat at the ends.

MOUNT MAGNET.

Friday, June 9, 1939

Inter-town Football

Last Sunday a team representing the Mt Magnet Football association travelled to Youanmi to oppose that centre in the first intre-town match of the season. Weather conditions were ideal and the game was all that could be expected.

Although the visiting team was defeated they were not disgraced.

It is regrettable that Magnet could not have fielded the best 18 in town as with the inclusion of Regan, Warner and Cassey, scores may have been closer.

The home team on the day perhaps showed superior combination, and their airial displays were also above that of the visitors.

Both sides were able to field a full team, and very few if any, were passengers: Following are the representative of each side:—

E. Fels (Capt.)	Thomas (capt.)
Webster	Parry
T. Ryan	Read
Head	Crogan
Regan	G. Watts
Lindley	R. Watts
Ottaway	Kennedy
Pedrotta	Hedley
J. King	Elliot
Boyd	Higgins
C. Shaw	Farrell
Rotchester	Alver
Howden	Brady
Hedges	Smith
Gallaghan	Broadbent
Whologhon	Stanton
P. Bond	Cherry
Gordon	Harris
Kirkham (19)	Kiely (19)

Children's Match

Prior to the seniors game the children conducted a match, a team from Magnet being in opposition to to Youanmi.

Although Magnet looked like being victorious a few minutes to go Youanmi overhauled them and the game resulted in a draw, with Magnet 4.3 to Youanmi 3.9.

During the day a slight breeze blew continually from the north thus favouring the south goals which during the day proved to be a distinct advantage to teams using that end.

Youanmi had first use of the wind and from the bounce dominated the whole play. The Youanmi team in this quarter played a far superior class of football to their opponents, goals coming freely from Whologhan Gordon, Ryan and Bond. With the honours for fine kicking going to Wologhan who found no difficulty in booting goals from very acute angles. Regan also showed that he is still as good as ever, and for the visitors Thomas, G. Watts and Stanton were most noticed. At the conclusion of the first quarter Youanmi were far in advance of their opponents The board reading.:—

Youanmi 6 goals 4 points
Mt. Magnet 0 goals 2 points

The second quarter was a triumph of football skill for Magnet, who, thanks to the brilliant play of Parry Cherry and Read were able to make up the leeway which separated the teams, they booting 6 goals in this quarter to the opponents 1 goal 5 points. Whologhan could still be noticed doing some fine work, but the outstanding performers in this quarter were Parry for Magnet and Bond for Youanmi. At half time the bell found Youanmi still in advance.

han, Regan, Lindley and Hedges while the visitors were very well served by Parry (best of the 36), G. Watts, Hedley, Stanton and Cherry

Mr. Stan Hunter, was in charge of the game and, considering this was his second try at umpiring, he done remarkable well. Mention can also be made of the fine work carried out by the boundry umpires.

Mt. Magnet

YOUANMI FOOTBALL

Second quarter scores were:

Youanmi 7 goals 9 points
Mt. Magnet 6 goals 2 points

The third quarter was a repitition of the first quarter Youanmi were giving a fine display of the game, and it cannot be said that in this quarter that they lacked any of the finer pionts of the game, their kicking, marking, and quick disposals enabled them to put up practically a unbeatable lead, 9 goals coming from this quarter. At this stage most noticeable were Howden and Lindley, and Parry and Hedley. At lemon time Youanmi had gone away with a fine lead and the score read:

Youanmi: 16 goals 13 points
Mt. Magnet: 8 goals 3 points

In the final quarter, the Magnet players, notwithstanding their lack of condition, made a very determined effort to make up the leeway, practically every player on that side putting everything he knew into his game, the best being Parry.

The final scores were:

Youanmi: 16 gls 17 bhnd. 113 pts.
Mt. Magnet: 14 gls 12 bhnd. 96 pts.

A noticeable feature of this game was the way that Youanmi picked out their men and were usually faster to the ball than the visitors, but their kicking for goals was somewhat inferior to that of their opponents.

Best players for the Youanmi team were Bond, Howden, Wholog-

BOOK 2

CRACK FOOTBALLERS OF THE EAST —

GREAT VICTORIAN PLAYERS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY

By- S Sampey